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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA: DEA EXPULSION CAN ONLY HARM BOLIVIA

REF: A. SECSTATE 118934

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(SBU) On November 13, emboff met with Jana Strgar, Minister Counsellor in the MFA's Latin American division, to deliver demarche on Bolivia's suspension of DEA's operations (ref A).

Strgar questioned why Bolivia would waste 35 years of cooperation, as the expulsion of DEA would only harm Bolivia.

She noted the recent decisions to PNG the US ambassadors to Bolivia and Venezuela (ref tel B), commenting that such expressions of "solidarity" between Bolivia and Venezuela were not productive and did not address the real challenges in the region.

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